

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-2177

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 14 West Saratoga Street

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14 W. Saratoga Street ☐ not for publication
city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district Seventh
state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name 14 W. Saratoga Associates
street & number 14 W. Saratoga Street telephone no.:
city, town Baltimore MD 21201
state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse CWM412
street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 555
city, town Baltimore MD
state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. B-2177

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1950 office building sits on an irregular sized parcel of land facing south on W. Saratoga Street and abutting partywall structures to the east, west, and north. The 1950s office building is built over a nineteenth-century shell. The street frontage is 42'4" and the depth is 86'.

The building is four stories high and two large bays wide. The first (west) bay is a solid brick veneer all the way to the top, with the exception of a utility door cut into the first story. The second bay contains the glazed window wall which alternates glass and aluminum panels up to the cornice line.

The first story has a pair of glass double doors flanked by plate glass display windows set over aluminum panels. The doors and windows have large fixed transoms that run to the ceiling. The glazed curtain walls of the second, third and fourth stories are subdivided into three large plate glass windows. Each bay has textured aluminum spandrels; the second story spandrel is taller than that of the upper stories. The fourth-story windows are capped by a spandrel that doubles as a cornice to the flat roof.

Evidence of the 19th-century core is visible behind the plate glass windows on the fourth story where a brick pilaster and corbelled capital is visible. The east wall of the office building is angled obliquely and reveals the nineteenth-century wall; along this wall the first bay of the second through fourth stories is visible from Saratoga Street. The first bay has bricked-in window openings with splayed jack arches.

The interior of the trapezoidal lobby contains the elevator and stairs positioned against the north wall, a glazed window wall to opening onto offices on the east side, a blank wall to the west, and the entrance to the south. The walls and floor are carpeted; a support post positioned in the middle of the lobby floor is also carpeted, as is a low planter with plastic plants in front of the glazed first-floor office window wall. The tall ceilings are covered with acoustical tile.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This Moderne office building is a good example of 1950s commercial architecture, and is an unusual Baltimore example since much of the commercial core is composed of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century buildings. The building provides a vivid contrast with the previous centuries commercial architecture, witness the abutting Charles Street Richardsonian Romanesque building with its five stories and textured and polychrome brickwork. This building instead expresses the design aesthetic which values clean lines, simple geometric shapes and experimentation with new building veneers. It is also representative of the commercial office (and not retail) building. There is no emphasis on a street-level display area.

The building is also significant because of the adaptive use of the nineteenth-century core of the building. The evidence of the "old fashioned" building is disguised, save for one telling pier which is left exposed in the fourth story.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Diane Shaw, Architectural Historianorganization CHAP, Room 1037date December 17, 1991street & number 417 E. Fayette Streettelephone 301-396-4866city or town Baltimorestate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930'
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Commercial

Known Design Source:
None

SCALE 1 INCH = 50 FT. DATE MAY 1929

RECORDED BY W. M. Lee



B-2177

14 W. Saratoga St.

Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

8/91

Maryland SHPO

Facade, south elevation

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BALTIMORE METROCENTER SURVEY

SURVEY NO.: B-2177

AREA: Cathedral Hill

MAGI NO.: 0421775811

Address: 14 West Saratoga Street

Current Name:

Block: 580

Lot: 21A

Lot size: 42 ft. x 91 ft.

Height: 4

Materials: Brick and glass

Condition: Good

Owner: 14 W. Saratoga Associates

Use: Commercial

Accessible: Yes, unrestricted

Designation:

Liber/Folio: CWM 4121/555



Historic Name:

Date: c. 1965

Architect/Builder:

Style (if appropriate): Modern

Description:

The facade is flush with the adjoining buildings and is angled from the rectilinear plan of the building to conform to the northwest-southwest axis of Saratoga Street. A vertical bay of glass and blue enamel panels with a grid overlay is set off-center with the main entrance at street level. Flanking this bay is a gray brick wall pierced by a secondary fire door at street level. An elevator housing is visible on the flat roof.

Significance:

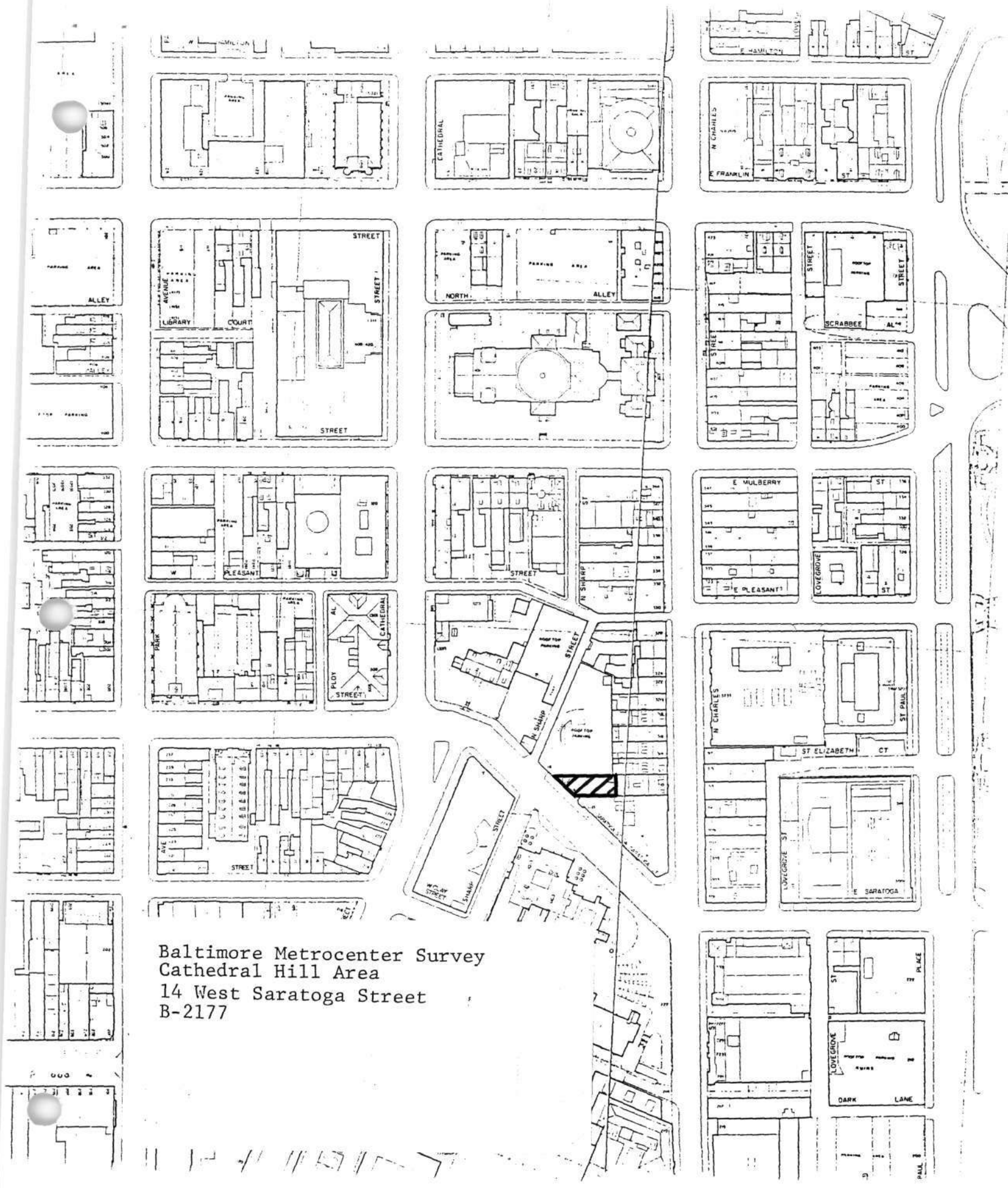
Area: architecture

Level: local

The facade is one of the few in the Cathedral Hill area entirely in the late International style. The typical features of the style present are the single-plane wall surface, the grid window framing, expansive use of glass, turquoise blue color panels reminiscent of the Lever House in New York, and the unadorned brick wall as a major element of the facade design. The building was the main office of the James Rouse Company in the late 1960's.

Sources: Land records.

Surveyor and Date: Janet Davis, February 1985



Baltimore Metrocenter Survey
Cathedral Hill Area
14 West Saratoga Street
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14 West Saratoga Street B-2177
Cathedral Hill - Metrocenter Survey
Baltimore (City), Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
Date: August 1984
Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust
Southwest elevation

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

Book 580
lot 21A

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: 14 W. Saratoga St. Inc.				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 14 W. Saratoga St.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Morton Sarubin Etal.				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4605 Edmondson Ave.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21229
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Records Office, Room 601				
STREET AND NUMBER: Baltimore City Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): RHB 2452-378				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historic and Architectural Preservation				
STREET AND NUMBER: Room 900, 26 S. Calvert St.				
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore		STATE: Maryland		21202

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		
	(Check One)		
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	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>14 West Saratoga street, Lot 21A, is a semi-detached building of English bond brick. It is three stories and is not separated into bays. There are no classical elements evident XXXX as in most of the other buildings on block 580. The first floor has a large rectangular opening with a glass door inside. There is also a small wooden door. The second and third floors above the opening have large glass windows, three on each floor being of two large panes each. There is a flat roof.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see 512 (ATHECTA)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

42 x 90

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Nancy Venditti, Amanda McQuiddy, Achsah O'Donovan

ORGANIZATION

CHAP

DATE

11/20/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

265 CALVERT STREET

CITY OR TOWN:

BALTIMORE

STATE

MARYLAND

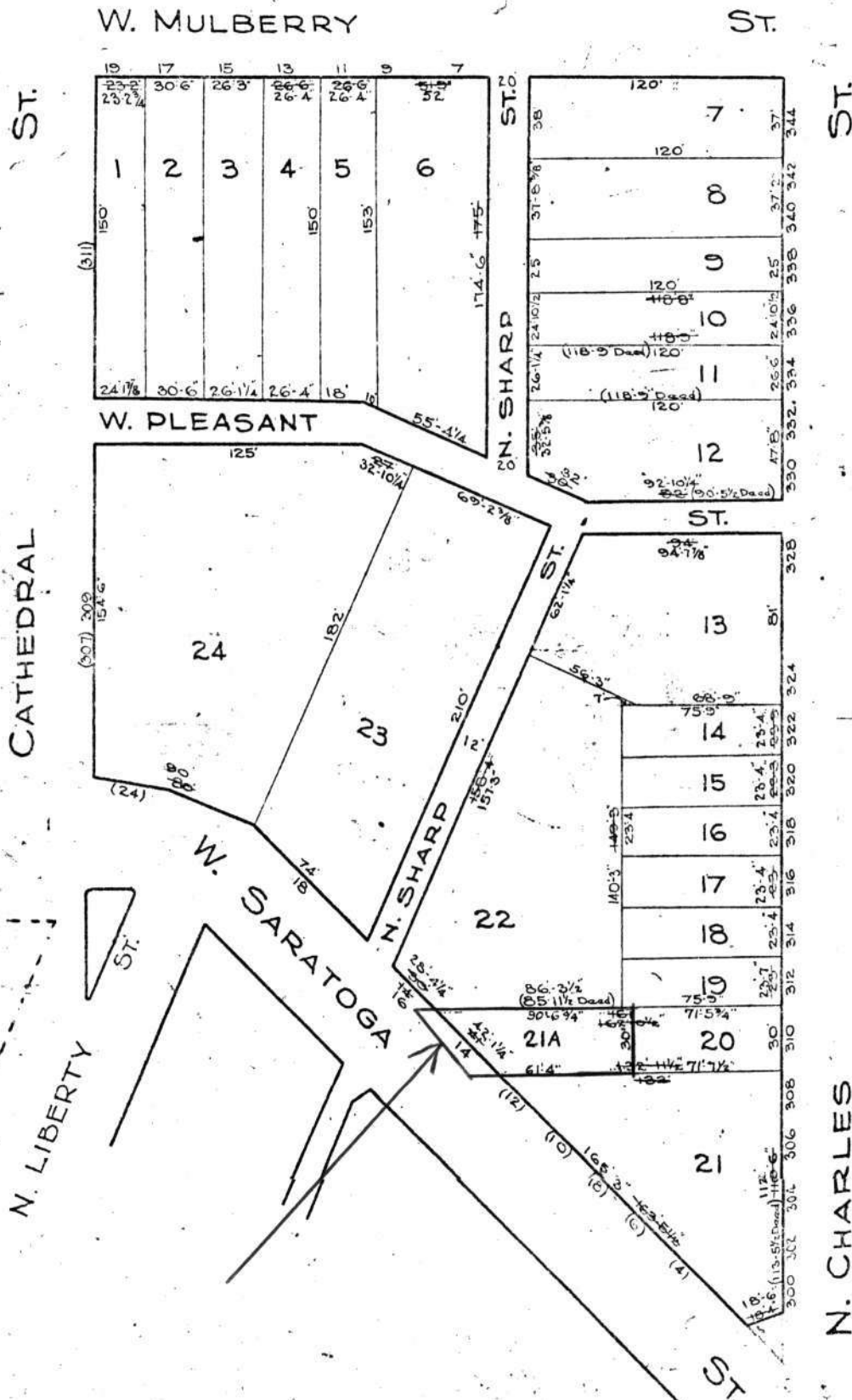
12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



NOTICE

THIS IS A REAL PROPERTY PLAT AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 76 OF THE CITY CHARTER. IT IS COMPILED FROM TITLE AND OTHER SOURCES AND IS NOT AN AUTHORITY.

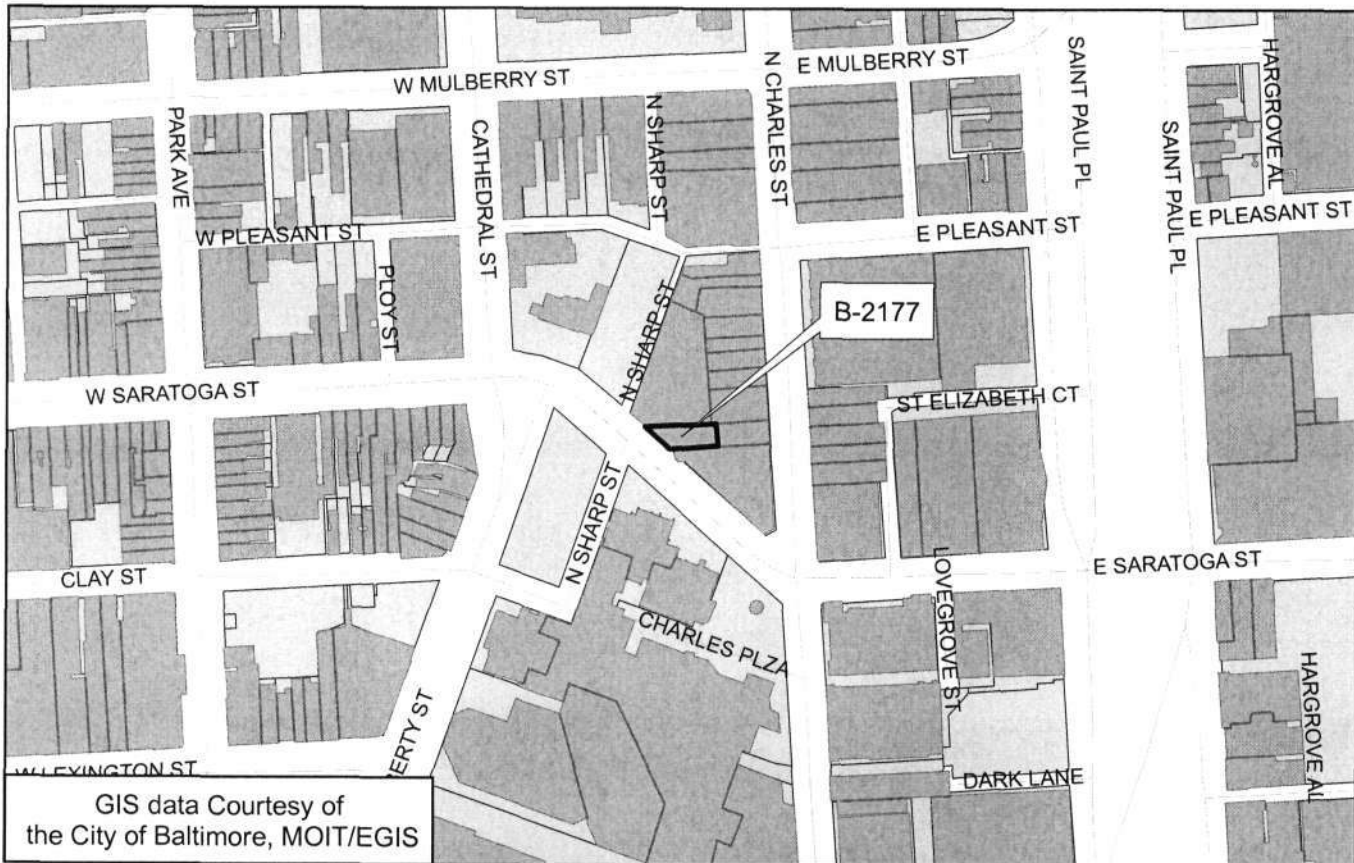
CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF PLANS & SURVEYS
PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

WARD 4 SECTION 2
BLOCK 580

SCALE: 1"=50' DATE: Oct 1977

TRACED BY: *McGHEEHEAD*
LETTERED BY: *JOS. J. Rokosky*
CHECKED BY: *W. M. Lee*
DATE: *12-6-77*

B-2177
Security Savings and Loan
14 W. Saratoga Street
Block 0580 Lot 021A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad



SECURITY SAVINGS AND LOAN
A TRUST CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

14

Entrance



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Block 580

14 West Santa Ana St.

Sept. 1975